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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. An English-language translation of JP-A-62-2540 is attached.

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